

SENATE BILL 466

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 21 and Title 40, Chapter 20, relative to alternative treatment programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 20, is amended by adding Section 2 as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. All alternative treatment programs that provide services to persons who have been required to attend such programs by order of a court shall be regulated by the circuit court clerk of the county in which such treatment program operates. Each treatment program shall report monthly on the number of persons it serves, the court in which such persons appeared, the offense or offenses with which such persons were charged, the fees charged to such persons, and the courses offered. Each alternative treatment program shall pay a fee as set by the circuit court clerk for the costs of administering this program. By January 15 of each year each circuit court clerk shall report to the judicial council created in Title 16, Chapter 21, regarding the number of participants in alternative treatment programs, the costs of such programs, and the recidivism rate of participants.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-21-107(a), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(6)(A) Collect, develop and maintain information relative to alternative treatment programs in Tennessee;

(B) Using the information provided by the circuit court clerks as provided by Section 2 of this act, the judicial council shall report to the general assembly any suggestions or recommendations of methods to improve the services provided by alternative treatment programs.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.